



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

305-604-CITY
City of Miami Beach
Answer Center

305-468-5900
305-468-5402 TDD
Miami-Dade County
Answer Center

305-673-7123
City of Miami Beach
Fire Department
Hurricane and Fire
Safety Education

305-673-7900
Miami Beach Police
Department

305-513-7700
305-468-5402 TDD
Miami-Dade County
Emergency
Evacuation
Assistance Program

305-229-4522
National Weather
Service

305-229-4470
National Hurricane
Center

305-468-5400
Miami-Dade County
Emergency
Operations Center

305-644-1200
American Red Cross

305-442-8770
FPL (Miami-Dade
County)

611
BellSouth

305-693-4311
City Gas

305-940-0139
Teco (People's) Gas



www.miamibeachfl.gov
www.miamidade.gov/oem
www.floridadisaster.org

DISASTER INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER

In the event that all communications fail after a hurricane, the following location will be set up as a location to obtain information and resources in person, if available.
Miami Beach High School
2231 Prairie Avenue

Call 305-604-CITY/VOICE to request material in accessible format, sign language interpreter (5 days in advance), or information on access for persons with disabilities. # 6/03



MIAMI BEACH HURRICANE GUIDE

HURRICANE SEASON
(June 1 — November 30)

PLAN NOW IN CASE OF A HURRICANE



The City of Miami Beach wants to ensure the safety of all its residents and visitors and urges everyone to have a plan in case of a hurricane evacuation. The City is concerned that many will not take the proper measures for safety during a hurricane warning. The entire City of Miami Beach is in an evacuation zone. Both tidal surges and winds can bring extensive damage to buildings and roads on Miami Beach, endangering the lives of thousands. Miami Beach has about 88,000 residents. You will have to leave when an evacuation order is given.

As soon as there is an evacuation order from Miami-Dade County, the City of Miami Beach will begin evacuation procedures. The City has designated evacuation pick-up sites throughout the City where Miami-Dade Transit Authority (MTA) buses will provide transportation to mainland Red Cross hurricane shelters. There are no hurricane shelters in the City of Miami Beach.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The City of Miami Beach has become a part of a national network of CERT communities. The City has developed a program that is designed to help neighborhoods prepare for and respond after catastrophic disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and other major emergencies. Volunteers are trained in basic disaster survival and rescue skills that improve the ability of citizens to survive until responders or other assistance arrives. For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 305-673-7077.

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION

Residents that require special care and/or special transportation need to register with the Miami-Dade County Emergency Evacuation Assistance Program immediately. The number is 305-513-7700 or 305-468-5402 TDD (hearing impaired)

BEFORE A HURRICANE

Inspect Your Home

- Inspect your roof for proper overflow drainage, especially on flat roofs.
- Make sure that all drains are clear of debris.
- Check for loose rain gutters and drain spouts. Remove all debris, leaves, toys, etc. from drains.
- Trim tree limbs and dead wood. If trimming near power lines, call FPL to turn your power off first.
- Check your storm shutters.
- Test your generator and chainsaw for proper operation.
- Do a dry run especially if you bought a new house or new shutters.

HAVE A FAMILY DISASTER PLAN



In the event of a disaster, you should plan in advance where you will stay, how you will get there, and what supplies you will take. Consider the needs of elderly and infant family members and pets.

- Make prior arrangements with friends or relatives living in a non-evacuation area; or, as a last resort, use a public shelter (see Evacuation Pick-up Sites). Make sure that you take proper Miami Beach identification with you. You will need it to re-enter the City.
- Send a list of friends' and neighbors' telephone numbers and copies of important papers to family members in another City.
- Tell family, neighbors, and service agencies where you would go to stay in an emergency.
- Have a transportation plan for emergencies.
- If necessary, register with the County's Special Needs Registry (see Special Needs Registration).
- Make arrangements with a kennel or friend to care for your pets. Red Cross shelters will not accept pets.
- Have a plan to secure your boat or take it elsewhere.
- Review your insurance policies to ensure that you are fully covered.
- Inventory and take photos of your property and valuables, and store these photos and other important documents in a waterproof container.
- Practice your Family Disaster Plan.

Prepare a Hurricane Kit



As part of your disaster plan, you should also have an emergency supply kit ready before an emergency strikes. When you return to the City, you may not have electricity or water for up to two weeks. The kit should include the following:

battery-operated radio, flashlights, extra batteries, manual can opener, matches or lighter, a two-week, non-perishable food supply (see list), extra prescription medicines, baby diapers and incontinence pads (if applicable), first-aid kit, toiletries, plastic garbage bags, paper plates and napkins, disposable eating utensils, emergency cooking facilities, a lantern, fuel (preferably stored in an approved metal container outside your home), a fire extinguisher, bleach (without lemon or any other additives), water purification tablets, and mosquito/insect repellent.

- Two-week Emergency Supply of Food and Drink
- Special dietary needs
- Small containers of canned meats and fish
- Crackers, dry cereal, granola bars, bread

- Canned or bottled juices
- Nuts, peanut butter
- Dry milk or non-refrigerated milk
- Baby food and formula (if applicable)
- Water bottles (at least two quarts per person per day for at least seven days preferably a two-week supply. Fill bathtub and other containers for sanitary usage.)

Other items you may want to consider are: tools (hammer and nails), rope, an inflatable raft, life preservers, a tarp, sleeping bags and blankets, duct tape, and mosquito netting.

HURRICANE WATCH



A Hurricane Threatens

If Miami-Dade County is placed under a Hurricane Watch, a hurricane may strike within 24 – 48 hours. You should take appropriate precautions immediately.

- Listen to local news reports.
- Check your hurricane kit and emergency suitcase.
- Check medication supply.
- Replenish batteries.
- Fuel your vehicles.
- Be ready to move car(s) to safe area.
- If you don't drive, confirm your transportation.
- Cash a check, withdraw cash, or have traveler's check on hand.
- Pack dentures, glasses, and hearing aid.
- Pick up loose objects from outside your home (i.e. garbage cans, real estate signs) and bring them inside.
- Move furniture away from windows and cover furniture with plastic.
- Pull curtains, blinds and shutters.
- Call family and friends and tell them your plans.
- Prepare emergency water supply.
- Turn your refrigerator to its coldest setting.
- Place valuables in waterproof containers and store in high place.
- Arrange for a shelter for your pet.
- If you own a business, begin implementation of your hurricane plan.
- If you have a boat, begin plans to secure.

HURRICANE WARNING



Plan to Evacuate

When a Hurricane Warning is issued, a hurricane is expected to strike within 24 hours, and you must plan to leave.

Before Evacuating:

- Fill prescriptions, propane gas, and car gas tank.
- Secure boats and relocate according to predetermined boat plan.

- Bring in lawn furniture, trashcans, plants and other unsecured items.
- Unplug TV and take TV antenna and satellite dish down from the roof.
- Drain swimming pool one foot and add extra chlorine.
- Turn off electricity to pool equipment and cover pump.
- Begin boarding windows, doors and garage doors.
- Turn off gas appliances at shut-off valve inside the house as well as water and electricity.
- Eat before leaving; shelters may not serve food in the first 24 hours.
- Take proof of residency, driver's license, insurance policy, utility bill and other important papers with you.
- Secure pets in a safe room or animal kennel.
- Turn off your electricity at the fuse box/circuit breaker panel.
- Turn off the gas to your home.
- Turn off the water main (if possible).
- Take emergency suitcase to the shelter.

Leave Miami Beach as Early as Possible

It is advised that you begin evacuation procedures before an evacuation order is given. This will allow you more time to calmly get off of the island to a home of a friend or relative that is not in an evacuation zone. Please remember to take with you an emergency suitcase (see list) of essential hurricane supplies, such as identification (driver's license and utility bill with your Miami Beach address) and prescription medicine. Red Cross shelters will not open until an evacuation order is given and spaces are limited.



Pack an Emergency Suitcase to Take to a Shelter

The suitcase or bag should be light enough to carry to a shelter and it should include the following items:

- Flashlight (one per person) and fresh batteries
- Battery operated radio with extra batteries
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- Personal hygiene items
- Washcloth, hand towel, tissues, pre-moistened towelettes and/or toilet paper
- Change of clothes and extra pair of shoes
- Dentures, glasses, hearing aids
- List of important papers (insurance policies, bank accounts, mortgages, list of phone numbers of family, friends, physician, pharmacy, caregiver and business contacts, and copies of prescriptions).
- Plastic bag with water purification tablets
- Matches and candles in plastic bag
- Manual can opener
- Plastic garbage bags

- Map of area
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Cards, games or books
- Snacks (non-perishable)
- Baby food (if applicable)

Miami Beach Municipal Parking Garages Will Open for Residential Parking

The City will open all its municipal parking garages for residential parking free of charge, as available, during a state of emergency. However, the elevators will not be operational. For more information, call the Parking Department at 305-673-7505.

All Businesses Must Be Secure

This includes taking down and bringing in any loose signs, tables, chairs and other loose structures.

All Construction Sites Must Secure Sites and Loose Structures

Contractors that fail to comply can be fined of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding 60 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. For more information, call the Building Department at 305-673-7610.



Evacuation Pick-up Sites to Red Cross Shelters for Miami Beach Residents

The City of Miami Beach will begin evacuation procedures as soon as there is an evacuation order from the state and county. If you have not made prior arrangements to stay somewhere off of the island, the City urges residents to go to one of the twenty-one (21) evacuation pick-up sites to Red Cross hurricane shelters. Miami-Dade Transit buses will provide free transportation to the mainland shelters. Remember that **no pets** will be allowed to go to the shelters. Take with you a blanket, pillow and an overnight bag with essential personal items such as prescription drugs.

These sites are NOT HURRICANE SHELTERS, only Miami Beach MTA bus pick-up locations to shelters.

South Beach

Rebecca Towers, 150 Alton Road
Alton Road & 2nd Street
Ocean Point Condominium, 345 Ocean Drive
Ocean Drive & 4th Street
Council Towers South, 533 Collins Avenue
South Shore Community Center, 833 – 6th Street
Federation Towers, 757 West Avenue
South Beach Alternative School, 920 Alton Road
Ocean Front Auditorium, 1001 Ocean Drive
Alton Towers Condominium, 14th Street & Alton Road
Ida Fisher Community School, 1424 Drexel Avenue

Euclid Gardens Condominium, 1575 Drexel Avenue
Miami Beach City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive
Mesivta High School, 1965 Alton Road

Middle Beach

Miami Beach Golf Club, 2301 Alton Road
Scott Rakow Youth Center, 2600 Sheridan Avenue
Collins Avenue & 29th Street
Crown Hotel, 4041 Collins Avenue
Temple Beth Shalom, 4144 Chase Avenue

North Beach

Sherry Frontenac Hotel, 6565 Collins Avenue
Collins Avenue & 65th Street
Collins Avenue & 76th Street
Collins Avenue & 81st Street
Normandy Pool, 7030 Trouville Esplanade
71st Street & Rue Versailles
North Shore Park, 72nd Street & Byron Avenue
79th Street & Hawthorne
Biscayne Elementary, 800- 77th Street
St Joseph's School, 8625 Byron Avenue
North Bay Village Synagogue, N Treasure Drive & Hispanola

DURING A HURRICANE



Response to Emergency Calls Cease at the Arrival of Tropical Storm Force Winds

The City of Miami Beach's Fire, Rescue and Police crews will cease emergency operations during an impending hurricane when the winds reach Tropical Storm force (i.e. 40 mph). Following a hurricane, emergency calls will be very limited due to flooding, powerlines down, street access, and limited personnel.

AFTER A HURRICANE



Residents Re-Entering the City

After the order for reoccupation to the City has been given, you will have to provide proof of residency (driver's license and/or utility bill with current Miami Beach address) to roadblock officials to re-enter Miami Beach. Listen to the local media for possible road closures.

Free Stash Sites

There will be two stash sites opened to take hurricane debris: Dickens and 72nd Street across from North Shore Park and the Convention Center Parking Lot, located between 19th and 18th streets across from the Convention Center.